

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (new): Polishing slurry comprising:
abrading composite particles each having a first particle and a plurality of second particles smaller than said first particles attached to surface of said first particle through a metal oxide membrane;
third particles which are smaller than said first particles; and
a liquid dispersant dispersing said composite particles and said third particles;
wherein the first particles are silicon particles and have average diameter of 0.1-20 μ m, wherein the second particles are silica particles and have average diameter of 0.001-0.5 μ m, and wherein the third particles have average diameter of 0.001-0.5 μ m.